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For: APPARATUS FOR  
PNEUMATICALLY FEEDING AT  
LEAST ONE SPINNING  
PREPARATION MACHINE, FOR  
EXAMPLE A CARDING  
MACHINE OR CLEANER

Customer No.

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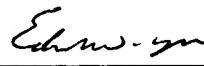
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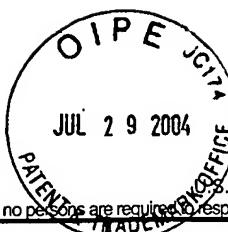
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